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SUBJECT: REYNOLDS NATIONALIZATION AND THE BAUXITE LEVY-
EXPORT SANCTIONS

REF: A) GEORGETOWN 1813;;

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING VARYING REPORTS RE PRESENT
STATUS OF THE ATLAN ZAFARO, THE PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSEL CUR-
RENTLY BEING DELAYED BY THE GOG.

2. LATEST INDICATION FROM BOTH REYNOLDS AND HOLLAND
CHEMICAL COMPANY IS THAT THEY BOTH DESIRE YOU TO APPROACH
GOG IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF VESSEL.

3. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTIONS, PLEASE SEEK APPOINTMENT
WITH APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS (POSSIBLY JACK) TO MAKE THE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

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(A) HOLLAND CHEMICAL COMPANY, A U.S. CORPORATION HAS ASKED THE USG TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE GOG THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATION IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN PLACED THROUGH NO FAULT OF ITS OWN. TITLE TO THE BAUXITE HAD PASSED TO IT UPON COMPLETION OF LOADING AND IT IS INCURRING EXPENSES ON THE VESSEL EACH DAY THAT IT IS DELAYED.

(B) IN LIGHT OF THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES CREATING THE PROBLEM, HOLLAND ASKS THAT THE GOG ALLOW THE VESSEL TO SAIL
(C) BECAUSE OF THE TIME DELAY, HOLLAND WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY ANSWER.

4. FYI. WE WISH TO BE CLEAR THAT YOU ARE MERELY DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE GOG TO THE HOLLAND PROBLEM AT HOLLAND'S REQUEST RATHER THAN ASKING FOR ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE USG. AT THIS TIME, WE SEE NO BENEFIT IN YOUR GETTING INTO COMPLEX LEGAL ARGUMENTS AS TO LEGALITY OF GOG'S FORBIDDING SHIPMENT OF HOLLAND BAUXITE. FINALLY, REYNOLDS CANNOT PROMISE THAT SHOULD THE VESSEL SAIL WITH BAUXITE, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICITY AS TO THIS FACT, AS REYNOLDS BEING QUESTIONED BY NEWS MEDIA CONTINUALLY ON THIS MATTER. WE UNDERSTAND FROM HOLLAND THAT IN EVENT OF A NEGATIVE GOG REPLY THAT IT WILL AUTHORIZE REYNOLDS TO OFF LOAD SHIP TO AVOID FURTHER DEMURRAGE CHARGES.
END FYI. GDS INGERSOLL

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